

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Santosh R. D'Mello et al.

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Examiner: Williams, Leonard M

For: Use of C-Raf inhibitors for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases

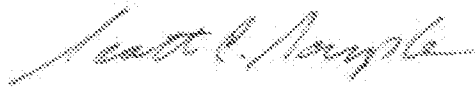
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Commissioner for Patents
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**REQUEST FOR THE PTO TO WITHDRAW THE OFFICE ACTION
DATED JANUARY 10, 2007**

Dear Sir:

The pending restriction requirement is directed to 15 claims drawn to methods of treating hyperlipidemia using an unidentified formula. The application being prosecuted by the Applicants has 16 claims that are drawn to methods of treating neurodegenerative diseases using C-Raf inhibitors. It thus appears that the Applicant was not the proper recipient of the pending restriction requirement requiring response by February 10, 2007. This request is to confirm that the Examiner will withdraw the pending Office Action, as discussed via telephone on January 26, 2007 with the undersigned. Applicant respectfully and kindly requests that the Office Action be withdrawn at the Examiner's earliest convenience or confirm that it was issued in error and no response is required from Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,



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